## NORTH DAKOTA

## = PROCLAMATION ===

## MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH MAY 2023

WHEREAS, the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the sacrifices made and the continued vigilance demonstrated by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice made by members of the United States Armed Forces and their families have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation, making it unique in the world community; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, encouraging all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom, and to honor the men and women of all our armed services who have served and are now serving this great country, together with their families; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the incredible sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform and their families, and the significant contributions they have made and continue to make in the defense of this nation and the preservation of our freedom.

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is nationally celebrated on the third Saturday of every May, this year falling on May 20.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2023, MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE